[Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai].

(*b*) The information is not available as the travelling allowance paid to officers for their journeys in connection with flood relief measures is not separately classified.

(*c*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*b*) above.

*Circular regarding filling of vacancies in the several offices.*

11. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued instructions to the various Departments not to fill up vacancies until otherwise ordered; and

(*b*) whether they are satisfied that the Heads of Departments adhere to such instructions, if any?

**MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A circular has been issued to all Heads of Departments and offices to the effect that all permanent vacancies should be left open pending final orders of the Government on the question of reduction of establishment charges.

(*b*) A circular has been issued by the Audit Department to all Heads of Departments and Offices to the effect that all drawing and countersigning officers of the establishment pay bills presented for encashment should furnish the following certificate in all monthly pay bills:—

"Certified that no person whose pay is claimed in this bill has been confirmed since the date of the Government circular No. Fl. 1444, dated the 3rd September 1931."

*Interpellations received and answered during the Budget Session of the Council, 1106.*

12. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of interpellations put up by members of the Council before the last (1106) Budget session; and

(*b*) the number answered?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 239 questions were given notice of by the members, of which 225 were admitted.

(*b*) Answers to 132 questions were furnished to the Council.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know why the remaining questions are left unanswered?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is because information for answering those questions could not be obtained from the various departments in time.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): So, are the officers not in default in not supplying information to the Government for answering the interpellations in time?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It cannot be said that the officers are at fault. I consider it to be unjustifiable to

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